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Contest **Hot Cheesy Goodness**



Crystal McKenzie, manager at Janice Beaton Fine Cheese, holds up the "Whim of the day" grilled cheese sandwich to promote their Hot Cheesy Goodness contest for Calgary's best grilled cheese. Over 65 entries have been gathered and judging on the best cheese sandwich will end April 4. The complete list of entries is posted on JB Fine Cheese's Facebook page, in the cheese shop and on FARM's website.

Shoppers staying alert amid food tampering

Precautions being taken after three chains targeted

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\$10K reward offered for tips

Uneasy shoppers are on guard as they browse neighbourhood grocery stores for bread, fruits and vegetables in the midst of a series of food tampering incidents.

Most are taking extra precautions after Co-Op, Safeway and Sobeys stores in the city's south end were targeted with metal objects embedded in select food. Even customers at the Real Canadian Superstore, which hasn't been targeted, are being cautious.

"I am being very careful about the food I'm buying

• The Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for several cases of food tampering across Calgary.

"Our members take incidents such as these very seriously. Members are working closely

and making sure I check it at the store and when I get home again," Mark Ho said.

But one shopper said if not for her mother, she wouldn't have known about the incidents, and she questioned whether the grocers should put up

with police to protect consumers and apprehend those responsible," Nick Jennery, president and CEO of the organization, said in a release.

The announcement came after Safeway became the third grocery chain in the last month to be affected by food tampering.

signage to alert patrons to the incidents.

"I think there could be signs in the areas where food was tampered with to let people know and remind them to be careful. Maybe not everyone knows about the tampering. I didn't," Michelle Hay-

low said.

Sobeys spokesperson Michael Lupien said while the chain doesn't have signage up in its stores, security has been beefed up at seven southern markets and employees are well-prepared to answer questions from concerned customers.

"I think they would notice the extra security and the more people walking around," he added.

Safeway and Co-Op spokespeople did not return calls for comment.

Police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said officers continue to investigate the incidents and remind shoppers to remain vigilant.

No changes would have prevented crash: COO

INQUIRY Despite repeated complaints by students, parents and even strangers over a bus driver's erratic conduct, a senior staff member at a Calgary private school insisted yesterday that no policy changes would have prevented the crash that killed a nine-year-old student.

Sunil Mattu, chief operating officer of Third Academy, testified at a fatality inquiry just moments after a 16-year-old girl told the inquiry that she and other students had tried to arrange a meeting with the school's principal over their fears of the bus driver's cellphone use and constant swerving, but were turned down.

Kathelynn Occena died in October 2007 when the bus driven by Louise Rogers sideswiped a parked gravel truck on a Calgary freeway and smashed into a light pole. Rogers pleaded guilty to careless driving and was fined \$2,300.

Mattu admitted that Alberta Transportation wrote a letter in February 2007 urging the school to review safety procedures after a number of the school's buses got radar traffic tickets. The school was also fined by the government after the crash for poor paperwork.

He said some safety and training procedures weren't written down but were understood and passed between drivers because of the school's small size.

But he said even with the benefit of hindsight, he couldn't see what changes the school might have made to cause a different outcome the day of the crash.

"I think that this is a tragic accident for which no paper could have avoided (it)," he said.

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Ceremony for Olympians, Paralympians

Olympic and Paralympic athletes will be recognized for their 2010 Vancouver efforts during a noon hour ceremony at Olympic Plaza on April 5. It's a public celebration with Olympians including Jon Montgomery from skeleton, left, Cheryl Bernard in curling and Carla Macleod from women's ice hockey. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with interactive displays and live entertainment, with the public presentation at noon.

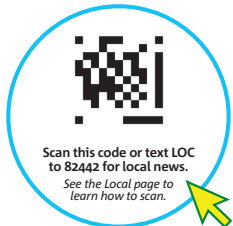
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Recycler gives nod for 1.2B empties

CELEBRATION Albertans should be proud they have recycled 1.2 billion empty beverage containers in 15 years, according to the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC).

The ABCRC is celebrating its 15th year by thanking Albertans for the accomplishment. "That is a tremendous amount of empties," ABCRC president Guy West said.

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Condo board seeks options

Third party opinion wanted before action on burned-out building

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Condo owners at the Millrise condominium complex heavily damaged in a three-alarm fire two weeks ago will have to wait for a third party opinion on the fate of their complex.

The condo board reviewed information from its current insurance provider at a meeting late yesterday evening, and also voted to seek out an independent insurance adjuster to survey the damage and provide options, according to the board's chair, Cameron Wallace.

"We have a responsibility to the owners of the condominium to act in their best interest and we don't want to simply rely on the current insurance adjusters experts," said Wallace.

"To hold an owners meeting now would be premature because it would be simply presenting the insurance adjusters options and their conclusions and not an independent expert's."



The Millrise condo board decided late last night that they would seek an independent insurance adjusters opinion on the fate of the building involved in a three-alarm fire two weeks ago.

Wallace said three options were presented to the condo board from the insurance adjuster: Complete demolition and rebuild, partial demolition and rebuild and the final option would be restoration and repair of up to 159 units.

Condo owner Patrick Mc-

Dermott said the extra wait is never ideal, but he appreciates the board's diligence in seeking an outside opinion.

"With something as big as this, I think it would be irresponsible to let one company decide what the options are," said McDer-

mott.

"It's not going to be a quick fix whatever happens."

Wallace indicated the board would be approaching up to three adjusters and the process could take another few weeks to resolve.

Police seek new leads from public in 2008 shooting death

COLD CASE Police are at a standstill in a 15-month-old homicide investigation and are looking for Calgarians' help in catching the suspects.

Juan Carlos Dequina, 22, was found dead in his Chevy Blazer on a gravel road bordering the Tsuu T'ina reserve on Dec. 14, 2008. Dequina was shot

twice.

Police don't know why the victim was targeted or who killed him, but believe two people fled the scene in another car.

In an effort to get new leads in the case, police are asking Calgarians to call 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Call-in program nets results

IMPAIRED DRIVING MADD Canada's Calgary chapter and the Calgary Police Service yesterday touted the results of the first five months of a 9-1-1 impaired driving call-in campaign.

From October to February, calls to 9-1-1 from members of the public who were reporting a suspected impaired driver, jumped from 1,484 calls in the same

2008-09 period, to 2,365 calls in 2009-10.

Prior to the campaign's launch last October, MADD indicated a slight decline in the number of calls to 9-1-1 to report impaired drivers.

The number of people charged as a result of the increase in calls also rose — from 111 in 2008-09, to 130 in 2009-10.

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Water meters mandatory by 2014

NOTICES Those among the 18 per cent of Calgary homeowners who don't already have water meters installed will be receiving notices in the next few weeks to make arrangements.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said the city will be sending out the notices in April to align those who don't have water meters with the rest of the city by 2014.

"We're moving from a voluntary phase to a mandatory phase and all homes will now be required to have the water meters. It's not going to be a choice anymore," McIver said.

While he expects some level of resistance, McIver believes most people will understand it's a city-wide initiative.

"We just need to align those who don't with those who do."

Calgarians can make arrangements by mail or telephone for crews to install the meters.

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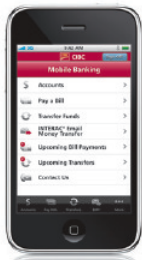
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The Biggest Winner will yield one big prize

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Can you step up to the challenge?

There won't be crying, yelling or screaming but Calgary's first Biggest Winner challenge is shaping up to be a tough yet fun weight loss competition with \$3,000 in cash at stake, according to founder Jady Griffin.

"We want this to be the biggest competition of this sort that the city has ever seen and we want to get the word out. It's proven there is more success in numbers because the support is there," Griffin said.

A variety of sponsors has allowed Griffin to offer a \$3,000 cash award and \$1,500 weight-loss products award to the person who is crowned Calgary's Biggest Winner, with second and third place prizes as well.

Participant Andrea Paquin, 38, said she has already lost 125 pounds in



Fitness trainer and founder of Calgary's Biggest Winner Jady Griffin, back, and challenge participant Andrea Paquin, front, get some training in before the two-month challenge in May and June.

two years and hopes the two month challenge in May and June will help her lose another 35 pounds.

"I think it's a fun challenge and I like the idea of

working out in a group environment. Plus, I want to win," she said.

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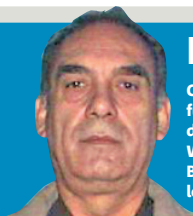
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Space items up for auction

If you're in the market for an anti-gravity toilet, look no further. Forty artifacts from the Soviet/Russian space program — including several spacesuits, a scorched heat shield, and a "human waste disposal unit" — are bound for the auction block at the Toronto-based Waddington's auction house. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canada



Fugitive's fate to be decided

Canadian authorities are expected to decide today whether an American fugitive, who was on an alleged quest to buy a child over the Internet, will be deported to the U.S. Police in Thunder Bay, Ont., arrested Patrick Molesti, 56, of Woodstock, Ga., on Friday night at the Greyhound Bus terminal after the Canada Border Services Agency issued an immigration warrant. U.S. police have been looking for Molesti, a French national, for almost two weeks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

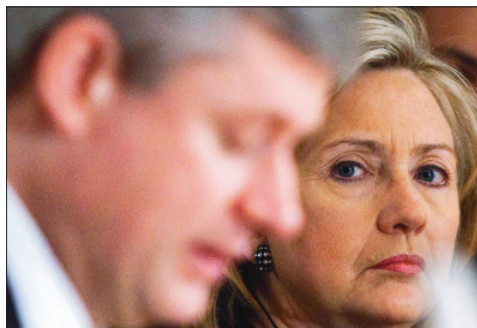
Afghan mission done in 2011: PM

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is making it crystal clear Canada's military mission in Afghanistan is done next year, even as G8 foreign ministers affirm the need to stay the course in Afghanistan.

The G8 ministers concluded their meeting in Gatineau, Que., yesterday with a wide-ranging declaration on the precarious state of global security.

That included the need to prevent terrorism from spreading across the world from Afghanistan.

But Harper told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that Canada has no intention of extending its Afghan military mission beyond its 2011 withdrawal deadline.



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton looks towards Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he makes a statement at the G8 Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the Chateau Cartier in Gatineau, Que.

The issue was forced into the spotlight because Clinton told a Canadian TV audi-

ence on the eve of the meeting that the U.S. would like Canadian troops to extend their stay. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Housing gap hurts: Think-tank

ECONOMICS A gap in the supply of affordable housing has left one-fifth of Canadians struggling to afford the homes they live in and that's having an adverse effect on national productivity, a prominent think-tank said Tuesday.

The Conference Board of Canada's report, dubbed Building from the Ground Up, concludes many Canadians can only keep a roof

Board says...

- About 75 per cent of Canadians are currently living in homes they can afford, the Conference Board said, adding a further five per cent have their housing costs subsidized by the government.

over their heads by cutting costs in ways that could

harm their health — such as buying less nutritious food. The report calls upon governments to partner with real-estate developers and civil organizations to increase the amount of affordable housing in the country, saying such changes would have positive impacts on both Canadians' health and the national productivity level.

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Child porn bust leads to 73 suspects, police claiming

INTERNET A Toronto-area child-pornography arrest has led to a sweeping investigation uncovering 73 suspects in 20 countries, police said yesterday.

The investigation began last November with the arrest of a 29-year-old man in Brampton, Ont., on child-pornography and sexual-assault charges, police

said.

That probe went global, culminating in police gathering evidence against the 73 suspects.

This kind of offence knows no bounds in the Internet age, police said.

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Facebook is about to change the way it asks its users to connect to brands on the site. Instead of asking people to "become a fan" of companies such as Starbucks, Facebook will let them click on a button that indicates they "like" the brand. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Veil ban hard to enforce: French council

France's highest administrative body warned yesterday that a total ban on full-body Islamic veils in public risks being found unconstitutional, a setback to President Nicolas Sarkozy's goal of an all-out ban. Even a limited ban on the full-body veil would be difficult to enforce, the Council of State said in a study of the legal possibilities for a broad application of a ban on burqa-like garments.

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News in brief

SWITZERLAND The world's largest atom smasher conducted its first experiments at conditions nearing those after the Big Bang, breaking its own record for high-energy collisions with proton beams crashing into each other yesterday at three times more force than ever before. In a milestone for the Large Hadron Collider's ambitious bid to reveal details about theoretical particles and microforces, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research took photographs so they could study the disintegrating protons after they collided at a combined energy level of seven trillion electron volts.

ITALY Premier Silvio Berlusconi emerged as the victor in regional elections held across Italy and widely depicted as a test of his popularity, final returns showed yesterday. Berlusconi's coalition won crucial races and wrested control of four regions from the opposition.

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Moscow Day of mourning



A portrait of student Tatyana Akimova, killed in one of Monday's subway blasts in Moscow, is placed at Lubyanka station yesterday. Flowers overflowed from rickety tables in two subway stations in memory of the 39 passengers killed in a double suicide bombing as Russia began a national day of mourning.

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Babies bodies found dumped in China river

The bodies of 21 babies, some with hospital identification tags around their tiny ankles, washed ashore on a river in eastern China and two mortuary workers were detained for allegedly dumping them.

News footage yesterday showed the babies — at least one of whom was stuffed in a yellow plastic bag marked "medical waste" — strewn along a dirt riverbank near a highway overpass. A few wore diapers. Some of the babies appeared several months old, while the official Xinhua News Agency said the bodies included fetuses.

Local residents and firefighters recovered the bodies Monday after they were discovered under a bridge

spanning the Guangfu River on the outskirts of Jinjing in Shandong province.

Hospital ID tags on eight of the babies helped investigators trace them back to the Affiliated Hospital of Jinjing Medical University, Xinhua reported. Hospital mortuary workers Zhu Zhenyu and Wang Zhijun were fired and taken away by police.

The babies' families had paid the pair to dispose of the bodies, but they instead dumped them at the river.

Three top hospital officials were fired or suspended and the government ordered the Jinjing Municipal Health Bureau to make a public apology, Xinhua said.

"It exposes a serious loophole in the hospital's management and indicates a lack of ethics and legal awareness of some hospital staff," Jinjing city government spokesman Gong Zhenhua said. "It exerts a very negative impact on society and teaches us a profound lesson."

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Quebec's veiled discrimination

TheWestView

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If you ask me, too many people wake up in the morning with the following first thought: Let's ban something.

Jean Charest, the premier of Quebec, woke up recently and decided to ban the niqab and the burqa, the veils favoured by a few ultra-orthodox Muslim women that cover everything but their eyes.

I'm not going to waste your time arguing about pros and cons of the burqa and the niqab.

But I do not want to live in a country that allows one of its provinces to ban religious or secular adorn-

ments. If Charest can ban the burqa, he can also ban, in no particular order: Honking big crucifixes; Mohawk haircuts; turbans; phylacteries; plaid golf pants; and Speedos for all men more than 150 pounds.

Have you ever come across a squadron of middle-aged weekend bicycle warriors decked out in lemon-lime lycra? Shouldn't they be banned, too? How about really bad

toupees? Take them down!

We're not talking about an epidemic here. According to one estimate, there are about 25 offenders altogether in Quebec. There are probably more people wearing leashes and dog collars who like to be escorted around town on all fours by their favorite dominatrix.

It looks as if I'm in the minority here. According to Angus Reid, 95 per cent of the Blocheads Québé-

cois are in favour of the ban, naturally, although it's OK for them to smoke Gauloises and end up with COPD and become wards of the medical system.

Perhaps more surprising, 80 per cent of the Rest of Canada also supports the ban, so by picking on a few Muslim women, Charest has unified the nation. Way to go, Jean.

It's time to give our heads a shake. This is the land of freedom. Thou-

sands have fought and died for our right to remain free. It's the basis of our democracy. If some people are a little different, we can tolerate that. It's called diversity, and in this nasty, censorious world it's the hope of the future. Even in what seem to be inappropriate expressions of the past.

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Brooker Buckingham
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A: I think rain is a sign of spring, and we had rain on Friday so that's a good sign. It's the transition from snow to rain.

Paul Bowlen
Calgary

A: I think more daylight hours and the fact people start dressing more inappropriately is a sign it's springtime.

Sarah Balderson
Edmonton

A: The first sign of spring, I think, is the flowers blooming and the trees, and the green grass. Just the nature part of it.

Bruce Beveridge
Halifax

A: When the roads are clean and I can drive my motorcycle.

Dani Paulson
Ottawa

A: Legs. Definitely love me some legs in the spring.

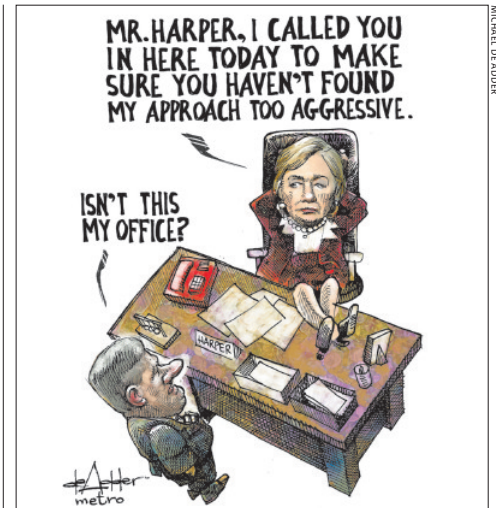
Erin Wilson
Vancouver

A: Going outside more. Going out without my winter jacket, on purpose. Going to the beach, just being outside.



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Canada among most competitive countries: Study

ADVANTAGE A new study by an international accounting firm shows Canada is among the most competitive countries in the world in terms of the cost of doing business in the country.

The KPMG group says Canada enjoys a five per cent advantage over its closest competitor, the United States, and ranks only behind Mexico among 10 countries examined.

The firm, which conducts biennial studies on competitiveness, says a slight easing in exchange rates and tax cuts to corporations over the past two years has given Canada the edge against the United States from a break-even position in 2008.

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Risky times for jokes

Corporations can make headlines with elaborate April Fools' Day ruses, but in today's economic climate, they're feeling conservative.

After all, pranksters are always taking a chance: The butt of the joke might laugh, but could scowl. When times are tense, the risk is even greater.

"There's been quite a significant mindset shift since 9-11 on both sides of the spectrum, companies on one side and consumers on the other," says Merrill Mascarenhas, managing partner at Arcus Consulting Group, a Toronto-based research and strategy consulting firm.

In the '80s and '90s, people were more relaxed and open to pranks, Mascarenhas says. But these days,

Fast food joke

For April Fools' Day in 1998, Burger King cleverly launched left-handed Whoppers, designed to reduce condiment spillage for lefties.

businesses and consumers are feeling insecure and marketers are opting for grounded and transparent communication over anything frivolous, he says. A March Arcus survey of 430 senior marketing executives found 66 per cent were looking for risk-adverse strategies rather than new and innovative ways to stay in the forefront of their con-

sumers' minds.

Corporate pranks can be useful marketing strategies, but only if they fit the company brand, says David Soberman, a professor of marketing at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. Pranks might be best suited for companies that already poke fun at themselves, such as A&W, he says.

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In brief

ECONOMY Analysts are looking for another key growth indicator today when Statistics Canada reports how the economy performed at the start of the year. The consensus is that the country's gross domestic product grew by 0.5 per cent in January, which should put Canada on track for a quarter of rapid growth.

TOURISM Tourism spending in Canada increased 0.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009, as outlays by both international visitors to Canada and Canadians were up.

BEER Labatt Breweries is closing its Lakeport Brewery facilities in Hamilton and laying off 143 workers. The company said yesterday that all production of Lakeport beer will be shifted to Labatt's operations in London, Ont., effective April 30.

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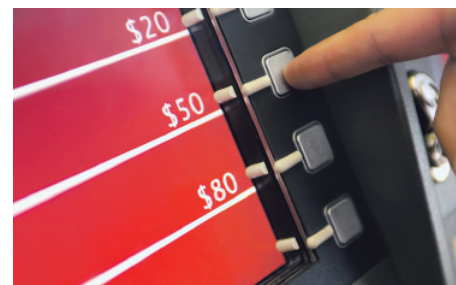
Yellow Media reaches \$225M agreement to buy Canpages

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Loss widens at gas producer

Canadian Superior blames weak prices, massive restructuring

Weak natural gas prices and costs associated with an extensive restructuring at Canadian Superior Energy Inc. led to widened losses for both the fourth quarter and full year of fiscal 2009, the company said yesterday.

The Calgary-based natural gas producer reported a net loss of \$63.9 million for the quarter ended Dec. 31, more than doubling losses of \$18.2 million cents per share booked in the same quarter of 2008.

The loss per share amounted to 32 cents for the quarter, compared with a loss of 11 cents per share a year earlier.

Apart from a 25 per cent decline in quarterly sales, which sagged to \$9.9 million from year-earlier levels of \$13.2 million, Canadian Superior said the increase in red ink could be

Background

- Canadian Superior explores and produces oil and natural gas and is developing a liquefied natural gas project.
- The company is active in Western Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, North Africa, off Eastern Canada and the U.S.

attributed to low natural gas prices as well as costs associated with a sweeping restructuring effort.

Canadian Superior spent six months under creditor protection, emerging in September.

The company reported \$18.8 million in restructuring costs for the year as well as a \$57.5 million writedown of petroleum and natural gas properties.

Natural gas pricing dragged full-year sales down by 55 per cent.

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Greece **Spending cuts fuel discontent**



Protesters carry a mock coffin with the symbol of the euro, during a demonstration in central Athens yesterday. Debt-strapped Greece toughened austerity measures this month and gained EU backing for a financial rescue plan, but the spending cuts also fueled public discontent.

Business in brief

AUTOS A report from Scotia Economics says global auto sales in February surged 26 per cent compared to a year ago, but Canada's exports aren't do-

ing as well. Senior economist Carlos Gomes warns Canadian exports are being hurt by the industry's current focus on domestic markets. He says

exports to the U.S. slumped 32 per cent last month, while Canadian auto parts claimed only 6.7 per cent of the U.S. market. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Deal-making in forestry sector down

STUDY Deal-making in the North American forest, paper and packaging industry essentially dried up last year and will likely remain minimal until companies in the sector improve their balance sheets, says a study released yesterday.

Only 45 deals with a total value of \$1 billion US were done in the region last year — a huge drop from 2008 when there were 61 deals worth \$11.6 billion involving North America, PricewaterhouseCoopers said in the study.

What's more, many of the North American transactions last year involved companies in financial distress as they tried to cope with high debt loads and poor markets, PwC said.

Latin America was the global industry's bright spot last year in terms of deal-making — there were 20 deals worth a total of \$12.5 billion in 2009, compared with 11 in 2008 worth just \$1 billion.

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Star middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans is staying in Houston. A team official told The Associated Press last night that Ryans has agreed to a six-year contract with the Texans. Ryans was the 2006 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

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Coyotes won't give up on staying in Phoenix

NHL Rumours continue to swirl about the Phoenix Coyotes moving to a new city, but inside the dressing room there is a sense of pride over showing hockey doesn't have to melt away in the desert.

The Coyotes, considered a dead team playing in October, are playoff bound after putting together one of the best seasons in the franchise's NHL history. That has brought fans back to the building and renewed interest in the sport.

The more success the team enjoys, the better the odds of the Coyotes staying where they are, said captain Shane Doan.

"As a team, we really want to stay," Doan said yesterday prior to the Coyotes playing the Vancouver Canucks.

"The guys have taken a

lot of pride in proving that it (hockey) could work in Phoenix and Arizona. We have worked hard trying to keep it there."

Lee Stempniak, acquired from Toronto at the trade deadline, shrugged off the latest rumour about the Coyotes maybe returning to Winnipeg.

"I have paid zero attention to it," said Stempniak, who had 12 goals in his first dozen games since coming to the Coyotes. "I couldn't tell you what the latest rumour is. We are focused on playing. Winning is fun and you want to keep that winning feeling going."

Heading into Tuesday night's game, the Coyotes had a 47-23-6 record for 100 points and were battling San Jose for the Western Conference lead.

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Head coach Brent Sutter of the Calgary Flames talks to his team during a time out.

Shakeup looming?

TheHockeyNews

Brian Costello

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found it unusual Saturday when GM Darryl Sutter used a media outlet — Flames pay per view — to call out his "top guys" after dreadful road losses in Boston and New York.

Sutter typically discloses very little to the media and is almost always crusty about it. That made his message even more profound in a stretch run that is oozing desperation.

Just what will it take for the GM and/or coach Brent Sutter to keep their jobs? It's tough to imagine the axe not falling if the Flames fail to make the playoffs. But say they do qualify and lose in the first round, what

happens in the off-season?

Insomuch as Flames players will determine the fate of their GM these next few weeks, in one way it'll be a shame if Darryl Sutter is let go.

That's because a rebuild will take a minimum five years to bear any fruit. The team has less than \$4 million in cap space next season and if Ian White signs as expected, that number will be down to about a million bucks.

So what's a new GM to do at that point?

Would a new GM keep Brent Sutter behind the bench? That's a possibility, though you'd think he'd want a fresh start. A new GM could maintain the roster he inherited and try a new coach with a different approach. Experienced men such as Ken Hitchcock and Andy Murray are available.

A new GM could move or buy out some overpaid players — Daymond Langkow (\$4.5 million), Ales Kotalik (\$3 million), Cory Sarich

(\$3.6 million), Matt Stajan (\$3.5 million), Steve Staios (\$2.7 million), David Moss (\$1.3 million). With the cap room, the new GM could make his own moves to upgrade the roster.

If this fails to spark the team, the new GM could trade one of the so-called cornerstones by next year's deadline to facilitate the rebuild. Let's face it, if the Flames can't win with regularity next season when Jarome Iginla is 33, Robyn Regehr 30 and Miikka Kiprusoff 34, they'd be better trading them for building blocks and picks.

Sadly, the Flames don't have a first round pick this year, nor more than a couple of skilled prospects in the system to expedite a reload. That's why firing the GM and blowing the whole thing up would be a five-plus year proposition.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Bayern Munich showed Manchester United what it's like to lose a crucial

Champions League match in injury time with a 2-1 victory yesterday, while Lyon beat Bordeaux 3-1 in another quarter-final match. United can still advance to the semifinals for a fourth straight year with as little as a 1-0 win.

TRADE The Florida Marlins acquired left-hander Nate Robertson from the Detroit Tigers for left-hander Jay Voss yesterday. The trade enables Robertson to start with the Marlins and assures left-hander Dontrelle Willis a spot in the Detroit rotation.

TRACK Caster Semenya says she will return to competitive racing this season, releasing a statement on the same day she was denied a chance to run at a meet in South Africa because the results from her gender verification tests have not yet been released. The 19-year-old Semenya, who has not raced or spoken publicly since she won the women's 800-metre race at the world championships in Berlin in August, said yesterday that she has not done anything wrong.

NFL Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Antonio Holmes denies hurting a woman who says he threw a glass at her in an Orlando nightclub and claims another woman hit her with the cup, according to a police report released yesterday.

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NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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TODAY'S GAMES

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Carolina at Montreal, 5 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at CALGARY, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE OVERALL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
dx-San Jose	76	47	19	10	247	198	104
x-Chicago	76	46	22	7	243	195	99
d-Vancouver	75	45	26	4	244	195	94
x-Phoenix	76	47	23	6	210	187	100
Nashville	78	44	28	6	214	214	94
Detroit	76	40	23	13	212	201	93
Los Angeles	76	43	27	6	220	202	92
Colorado	75	41	27	7	225	207	89
CALGARY	76	38	29	9	194	193	85
St. Louis	75	37	30	9	207	207	83

Anaheim	75	36	31	8	211	227	80
Minnesota	76	37	33	6	208	226	80
Dallas	76	33	29	14	216	238	80
Columbus	77	32	32	13	208	246	77
Edmonton	76	24	45	7	194	260	55

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NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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TODAY'S GAMES

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Phoenix at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
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Wild lose Harding to injury

Minnesota Wild goalie Josh Harding is out for the rest of the season with a torn labrum in his hip. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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It's do-or-die time

Flames hope to win all 6 remaining games

The final stretch run of the regular season has become do-or-die time for the Calgary Flames.

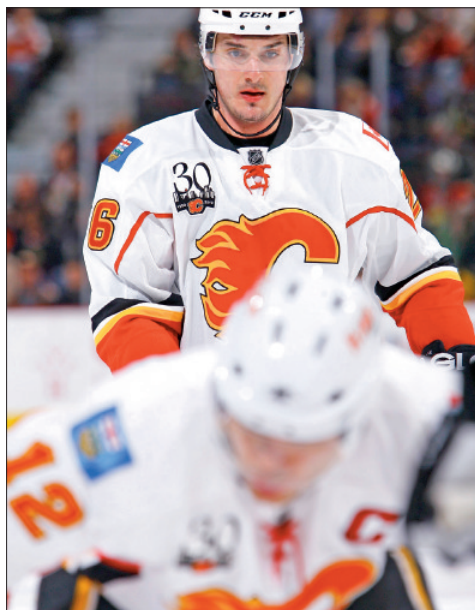
Four points behind the Colorado Avalanche for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference, the Flames have set their sights on winning their last six regular-season games, starting with today's home game against the Phoenix Coyotes (Sportsnet, 7:30 p.m.).

"We've just got to win our games and keep building," said Calgary captain Jarome Iginla. "It's that time of year. We've got to find a way to get into the playoffs."

That being said, Iginla admitted that the Flames (38-29-9) have been keeping close tabs on both the Avalanche (41-27-7) and the Los Angeles Kings (42-27-6), who have both been slumping lately.

"We do pay attention especially at this time of the year," Iginla said. "We know momentum's a big part of it and we know we still have an opportunity. Regardless of what those teams are doing we feel we have to approach each game now like a Game 7. We have to win our next game, that's our mindset."

While the Avs have lost five of their past six contests, the Kings were mired in a four-game losing streak heading into yesterday's road game against



Calgary's Ales Kotalik, behind, looks on as Jarome Iginla prepares for a faceoff during a game last month. Iginla says his club must approach each of its remaining games like a Game 7.

the Nashville Predators.

"Those are the teams that we're trying to catch here, and if they stumble, and we win the rest of ours, we're going to catch one of them," said defence-man Ian White. "So keep praying that one of them keeps falling and we keep going."

"We see the stats in the room every day and we're aware of what position

we're in."

Like White, fellow Calgary blue-liner Mark Giordano confessed that he's been checking the standings on a daily basis.

"At this point, with six games left, we know what we have to do," Giordano said. "But at the same time, you do some scoreboard watching on the nights you don't play."

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Blue Jays continue to trim roster

BASEBALL The Toronto Blue Jays pared their active roster down to 29 players by optioning pitchers Jesse Carlson and David Purcey to triple-A Las Vegas, and assigning outfielder Jeremy Reed to minor-league camp.

The moves leave the team with 13 position players and indicate utilityman Mike McCoy has won the open fourth outfielder spot, and that slugger Randy Ruiz will also break camp with the team.

The demotions of Carlson, a left-handed reliever relied on heavily by manager Cito Gaston last year, and Purcey, a lefty starter, who has lost the team's confidence, leaves 16 pitchers in camp.

Shaun Marcum and Ricky Romero are the only sure things in the starting rotation. Closer Jason Frasor, Kevin Gregg and Scott Downs are locks for the bullpen. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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3. Stephanie Warren	NS, CA	1015	420	609	1029
4. Shawn Tschirter	AB, CA	1034	419	600	1019
5. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	982	402	615	1017
6. Dennis MacDougall	NS, CA	1009	407	604	1011
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	1029	376	631	1007
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	1040	424	583	1007
9. Blaine Schlechter	AB, CA	1002	402	603	1005
10. Bernie Horton	ON, CA	968	415	585	1000
11. Myles Dennis	NS, CA	993	381	617	998
12. Calvin Lewis	NS, CA	1034	407	590	997
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Plans for plug-ins

Consumer Reports surveyed 1,752 American adults and 26 per cent of them said they likely would consider a plug-in car of some kind next time they're in the market for new wheels. Seven percent said they are "very likely" to consider one. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Green with EN-V

General Motors recently unveiled a trio of electric "urban mobility vehicles," built with help from the über-geeks at Segway. They're called Electric Networked Vehicles (EN-V) and they're designed for cities bursting at the seams with traffic. **WIRED.COM**

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A Sonata you can be proud of

2011 model
affordable
and sexy

Hyundai says that 2011 Sonata has the best interior volume and fuel economy in the mid-size sedan segment.



JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



This story should be about the 2011 mid-size Sonata sedan but what's happening at Hyundai Canada is perhaps just as important.

It wasn't so long ago that Hyundai thought it was a banner year if they sold 25,000 units. In 2009, it sold 103,233 making Hyundai one of only six car companies to exceed 100,000 in sales in Canada. In January of this year alone, they sold 6,084 vehicles.

But the big number is Hyundai's 7.1 per cent of the market in 2009 up from 4.9 per cent in 2008. For those of you who follow the car industry, a jump like that is unheard of.

How are they doing this when others are faltering?

The 2011 Sonata says it all. The car is solid, even fun to drive which you couldn't have said about a Hyundai 10 years ago. And in a break from Sonatas that have gone before, it looks great.

Hyundai vehicles now have a substantial residual (trade-in) value. The Sonata, for example, has a residual of 53 per cent that is higher than Camry or Fusion at 49 per cent each.

Hyundai is coming to market with a hybrid in the fall. Rather than being late

2011 Hyundai Sonata

Type: Mid-size sedan
Price: from \$22,649
Engine: 2.4-litre, DOHC four-cylinder
HP: 198

Highlights

- Feels like a European sedan
- Impressive styling
- Affordable

in the rush to electrics, Hyundai is actually moving ahead of the rest with a lithium-polymer battery that can be shaped to fit instead of being a big box of batteries.

No longer a "cheap and cheerful" A to B sedan, the 2011 Sonata is also part of a plan to get across the message that Hyundai now stands for quality which we saw begin with the Genesis sedan.

But what really stands out is the styling. To me, this is the first Hyundai to

look enticing.

With a touch of C-Class at the front and mixture of Lexus/Bimmer at the back, there is a wonderful character line running from the headlight along with door window sill and capped with chrome that makes the kind of "look at me" statement that Hyundai has never made before.

Power is Hyundai's new gasoline direct injection (GDI) 2.4-litre, twin cam inline four-cylinder engine. GDI results in more power and less fuel consumption. At 198 hp and 164 lb/ft of torque, which is a lot for 2.4-litres, Hyundai claims it is the most fuel-efficient in the segment at 8.7/5.7/100 km city/highway for the six-speed manual transmission and 9.4/5.7/100 km with the six-speed automatic.

The base GL (\$22,649) comes with the manual or with the optional automatic (\$24,249). The GLS (\$26,249), Limited



(S28,999) and Limited with navigation system (\$30,999) are all fitted with the automatic.

During my time at the wheel I noticed the engine sounded gruff at startup but that went away quickly and then became almost silent at speed. I know the engine bay is well noise proofed so it must have been the tires and the slippery shape that paid off in the lack of sound intrusion into the cabin.

Instead of being a bland handler, the Sonata not only points well, but it has a feel more like a European sedan. You sense with the

inputs coming through the steering wheel to the fingertips which I really can't quite remember in previous Sonatas.

What Hyundai has in the 2011 Sonata is an affordable car with the kind of looks and reliability that consumers in the mid-size segment now consider seriously as the sales numbers are already proving.

But I also think it goes beyond that. It's the first Hyundai people can aspire to own, not because of the fuel economy or the price, but because they are proud to have a Hyundai in their driveway.



2011 Sierra Denali HD

GMC packs more power in Denali

NEW MODEL GMC has announced the new 2011 Sierra Denali HD, the first offering of the exclusive Denali line on a heavy-duty GMC pickup.

The Sierra Denali HD leads a comprehensively redesigned lineup of 2011 Sierra 2500HD and 3500HD trucks that go on sale in early summer including the most powerful diesel engine in the segment.

Sierra HD's new 6.6-litre Duramax turbo diesel delivers 397 hp at 3,000 rpm and 765 lb/ft of torque at 1,600 rpm.

The iconic Denali four-bar, chrome grille with round air inlets distinguishes the Sierra Denali HD on the outside, along with body-color bumpers, chrome door handles, chrome accents and 18- and 20-inch polished forged aluminum wheels.

Other highlights include Increased towing capability (20,000 lbs./9,072 kg), 11 per cent greater highway fuel economy, up to 63-percent lower emissions, including available mobile WiFi, USB connectivity, Bluetooth connectivity, XM Satellite Radio, OnStar 9.0 and navigation.

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oni Mitchell might have said it best: "You don't know what you got, till it's gone."

Or maybe it was the garage band, The Monks: "I hate you with a passion baby... but call me!"

In any case, you get the sentiment. A fixture in your life suddenly packs a suitcase and heads out the door. You don't know whether to laugh or cry.

I was thrown into such a conflicted state with the recent announcement that Ford is readying a new police car based on the new Taurus.

We knew it already, but this gives real finality to the coming curtain call of the Crown Victoria and its two stable mates — Mercury Grand Marquis and Lin-

coln Town Car. The only reason these cars have lasted this long is because they are loved by those with "professional car" needs — police forces, funeral operators, and limousine, rental and taxi fleets.

And not because these cars are technically advanced. But rather, because they're not technically advanced.

They are the last full-size American cars standing with body-on-frame construction, V8 power, front bench seats, and a transmission shifter mounted on the steering column.

"That platform has to go back to the 1970s," says Walt McCall, over the phone from Windsor, Ont. McCall literally wrote the book on professional vehicles (18 of them actually, with a specialty in hearses and fire trucks).

He adds that the police business basically fell into Ford's lap, after Chrysler and GM downsized and "front-driven" their largest sedans.

While police vehicles based on Dodge Chargers



Ford is readying a new police car based on its Taurus platform and finally calling it curtains for the the St. Thomas, Ont.-built Crown Victoria, arguably the most used cop vehicle.

and Chevrolet Impalas are making inroads, the Crown Vic police car still dominates. Chances are, if you have ever been "pulled over" for a discussion on a driving manoeuvre, and/or have been requested to spend a night or more in the "crowbar hotel," a Crown Victoria has been idling nearby.

The plant in St. Thomas, Ont., is the exclusive production facility for those dinosaurs; Ford said it would close the plant sometime in 2011.

"No doubt we're in an era of change," says McCall. "There's a big question mark about these specialty vehicles, particularly which ones we will see

used in the funeral and limousine business."

So if you're not in the business of moving dead bodies around, should you be worried about the looming passing of this automotive form, the big-frame, big-engine, rear-drive, "three-box" American sedan?

I'm a little verklempted,

"Chances are, if you have ever been 'pulled over' ... a Crown Victoria has been idling nearby."

but most people seem to be taking it in stride.

Jamie Bull, general manager of Heritage Ford in Scarborough says no one is busting his door down, looking for new Crown Vics. For one, thing, they're only available to bona fide fleet accounts. For another, because many go into rental service, year-old ones can be had at considerable savings (\$18,000 vs \$35,000).

Bull adds the vehicles have their devotees, but they're definitely not a big, unruly group. Generally, he says, "these are buyers looking for a big, simple car, with not too many buttons and switches."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Trinity Western gets artistic

Next month, Trinity Western University's, based in Langley, B.C., professional studies and performing arts faculty will transform into the School of the Arts, Media and Culture. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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SFU opens up

In recent months, Simon Fraser University has been building its support of open-access publishing of scholarly articles. In January, the university's senate library committee endorsed an open-access strategy for the institution's library. Last month, SFU established an open-access fund to support university researchers who publish articles in open-access journals. **Metro news services**

Contractor or employee?

WorkplaceLaw

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It's workplace law's newest phenomenon: Employers, happy to unburden themselves from the various costs and liabilities associated with their employees, increasingly retaining "contractors" to perform the same services their employees did before. Often their former employees are transformed into contractors and these "contractors", content to pay less taxes than they did when employees, are not about to complain. However, this arrangement is of-

ten a fraud.

When these arrangements are challenged, sometimes many years later, courts are apt to find that the contractors were truly employees. No surprise there. The arrangement represented little else than a "label." Seldom will a label be sufficient. What really matters is how the parties behave.

When will a court find that a contractor is actually an employee?

Despite signing an independent contractor agreement and incorporating his own company, the Ontario Court of Appeal concluded that Gordon Braiden was an employee. Braiden, a sales agent, worked full time and exclusively for La-Z-Boy, which controlled which products he sold, how he sold them, where his sales

territory was and what promotional methods to use. It did not matter that Braiden had incorporated his own company, according to the court, because ultimately he was part of La-Z-Boy's business, not his own business.

Just recently, the Court of Appeal also found that real estate agent Elizabeth McKee was an employee even though she had signed a contract, had her own incorporated business and invoiced her principal for commissions. Without her principal's involvement, McKee hired, trained, and managed her own subagents who worked for her in selling her employer's homes.

Following a fallout which cost her job, McKee sued arguing that she was employee. The fact that McKee operated a business

within her work for the company did not mean she was a contractor, nor did the fact that she hired and supervised her own staff.

Since she worked for 18 consecutive years exclusively for her employer and had become an integral part of its business, the court declined to uphold the contract and characterized her as an employee. She was then awarded nearly half a million dollars in severance.

Labeling a worker as a contractor is not dispositive, even if the worker agrees.

Courts will always consider the true nature of the relationship to determine how the parties actually behaved.

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Many companies are opting to avoid the costs and liabilities of employees by hiring "contractors" but in several cases the courts have ruled "contractors" to be company employees.

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Inspiring female engineers

Professors pleased with Barbie's latest doll option

Engineering the Future

During the month of March, Metro Workology focused on the engineering field and what it means to the aspiring engineer and the world as a whole. We hope you enjoyed it and thanks for reading.

JON TATTRE for Metro Canada

Everybody knows Bob can build it, but what about Barbie? For career number 125, the iconic doll has mastered the geek-chic look and become Computer Engineer Barbie, according to Mattel.com.

The doll comes with a cellphone headset, laptop bag and pink laptop and was the first professional Barbie chosen by popular vote. So how do real-life women engineers feel about engineer Barbie?

Elizabeth Croft, associate head of engineering at the University of British Columbia, says Barbie is a good ambassador for women engineers.

"I don't see the downside to this. Barbie's been a doctor and a lawyer. It's only natural that she should also be an engineer," Croft says.

Croft noted only about 10 per cent of the engineering workforce is female and about 18 per cent of engineering students are female. She had no female engineering role models when she started in the profession.

She says it's a cultural issue, with people unconsciously thinking of engineering as a man's job. That changed with doctors and she says it's time for engineering to catch up.



Computer Engineer Barbie is the 125th version of the iconic doll. Only 10 per cent of the engineering workforce is female.

Perhaps Barbie can help engineer social change.

"I don't have any issues with Barbie. Barbie's come a long way," she says, noting she was a Lego girl herself.

In Halifax, Corinne Mac-

Donald, assistant engineering professor at Dalhousie University, laughs when she sees the image of Computer Engineer Barbie.

"Actually, I like it. She's not even wearing heels,"

"I don't see the downside to this. Barbie's been a doctor and a lawyer. It's only natural that she should also be an engineer."

Elizabeth Croft, UBC's associate head of engineering

she says.

Like Croft, MacDonald didn't have any female engineering role models.

"That's probably one of the biggest problems we have in engineering. It's catch-22: There aren't a lot of women in engineering and to attract more women to engineering, we need more women in engineering," she says. "I think any opportunity we have to put that thought in girls' heads is a good thing."

MacDonald was a stellar math and science student in high school, but engineering never crossed her mind until she took a computer career test. Its top suggestion was engineering.

"At which I point I went, 'What's that?'" she recalls. Her guidance counsellor filled her in and MacDonald started on the engineering path. Female role models, even plastic ones, help young women visualize themselves as engineers, she says.

"I liked to play with Barbies, but I liked to play with building blocks, too. Maybe Barbie could run the project and boss all the other Barbies around," she laughs.

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Travel

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Rolling into Mexico's gold coast party

Motorcycle fans are gearing up for five days of high-octane fun and adventure along Mexico's golden Pacific Coast. Mazatlán hosts the 15th Annual International Motorcycle Week from Apr. 7 - 11. This year's event is expected to draw more than 300,000 bikers and spectators to Mazatlán from across North America and Mexico. The centrepiece of the 2010 International Motorcycle Week is the Great Parade, when more than 15,000 bikers take part in a colourful procession of international motorcycle clubs. Visit gomazatlan.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Bringing the mountain indoors

Cleveland quickly becoming a Mecca for extreme bike riders

SUSAN GREENWOOD
Metro World News

Cleveland: Steel, flats as far as the eye can see, great piles of factories, smoke curling into the sky, rivers cleaving their way through the mud.

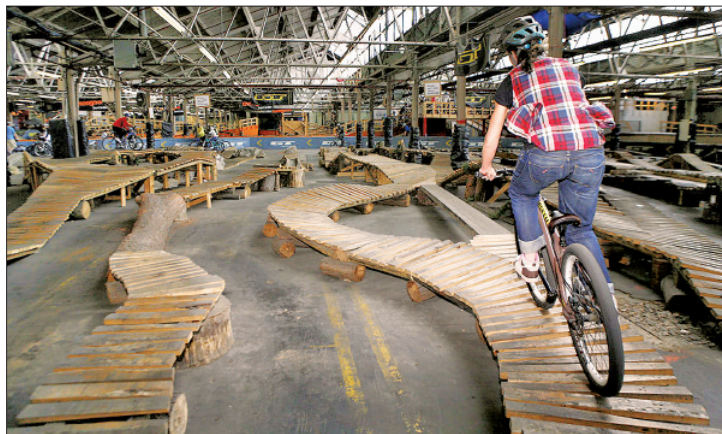
Not a lot to commend it to the uninitiated.

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Ray's is the world's largest indoor mountain bike park with over 100,000 square feet of fun.

pretty well established across Europe and the United States. But Ray's is the first location to cater to all types of mountain bik-

ers. Here, Lycra-clad cross-country folk share space with dirt jumpers and the facilities are built to test — and help you improve —

your skills. There are technical rocky sections, places to practise your balance and a pit filled with foam for those keen to nail back-



Ray's caters to street riders, mountain bikers and dirt jumpers.

flips without landing on wood or concrete.

Rock music blares out from the sound system and bike videos play on a loop on the big flat screen TV.

The routes, which are mainly made of wood, were born back in 2004 with an 'if you build it, they will come' mentality and it's thrived ever since.

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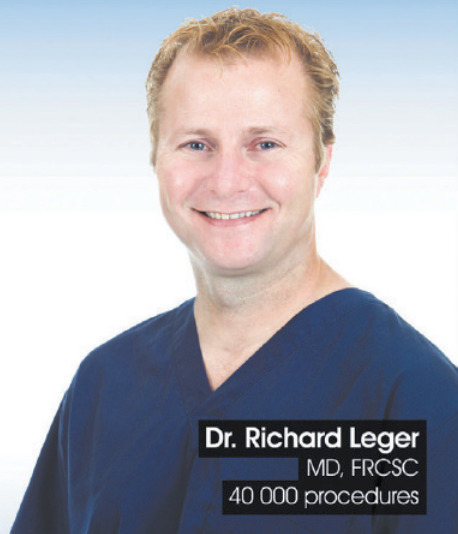
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She may be "lost" for a few more episodes but Yunjin Kim has found the man of her dreams. The South Korean actress who plays Sun Kwon on ABC's hit *Lost*, married her boyfriend, Jeong Hyeok Park, in Hawaii on Sunday. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

EDITOR: DEAN.LISK@METRONews.CA

Cyrus shines in serious role

Sparks' latest adaptation is predictable romance

The Last Song

Director: Julie Anne Robinson

Stars: Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth, Kelly Preston, Greg Kinnear

Classification: PG

Rating: Ⓜ

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

So Miley Cyrus is dating her co-star in *The Last Song*, Liam Hemsworth, a handsome tanned and blond Australian actor.

Now that's out of the way, there's bigger news for Cyrus' fans in this moody movie written by Nicholas Sparks.

Cyrus doesn't sing but plays classical piano; instead of spreading her charm far and wide, she mopes and rebels and fails to thrive. She's irritable, depressed, dressed in teenaged angst black and just wants to be alone. You almost expect her to pull out a cigarette. Hannah Montana, the squeaky clean TV and movie supernova that made the Cyrus family famous and wealthy, is gone. At 17, Cyrus is attempting a brand relaunch as a serious actress.

She plays Ronnie, who's traumatised by the divorce of her parents and struggling to get her bearings in a world she no longer trusts. Rebellion boils over when she's sent to spend the summer with her estranged father (Greg



Miley Cyrus leaves her cheery Hannah Montana persona behind in her latest role as an irritable, depressed teenager in *The Last Song*. It shows a good start in proving herself a dramatic actress.

Kinnear) at his beach house. She refuses to speak to him and takes off at the slightest whiff of parental concern. But the beach volleyball kids write her off as emo, and the tough kids try to lure her into drugs and violence. An alpha guy from the volleyball brigade named Will seems to like her without judging her, but Ronnie resists him be-

cause she's haunted by the fragility and heart-break of love she witnessed in her parents' break-up.

But Ronnie and Will get to know each other on the beach, a sensual and romantic setting where sunrises, lapping waves and minimal clothing lead to longing stares and an occasional kiss. They bond over the plight of the sea

turtle. But their romantic, sexless idyll is soon broken by tragedy. After all, this is a Nicholas Sparks story; chastity and misfortune make for plenty of bittersweet tears and repeat business.

Cyrus is interesting; she has unconventional looks, a voice like a trucker, atrocious posture, and frequent public lapses of good taste in evening

Screentimes

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- Westhills 10: No Passes Wed-Thu 1:35-4:7-10-9:45

wear. But she is magnetic and appealing with considerable screen presence. She is a star because of her winning persona, not the singing, or the dancing. She does her best to further herself as a dramatic actress and hopefully, she'll continue to find roles that will challenge her, and her fans.

The film's technical and artistic elements are easily digestible, the story relatively engaging and Sparks continues his sappy but winning ways. A *Walk to Remember*, *Nights in Rodanthe*, *Dear John*, the almighty *The Notebook* and *The Last Song* shape a new kind of contempo romance, driven by female performances for young female audiences. In Cyrus' case, it's a good start to the journey of growing up that her fans will share.

Back to books

James Franco may be hitting the books ... again. The actor, 31, has been accepted to Yale University's English Ph.D program, the *Yale Herald* reports, adding that he will begin in September.



New book from teen writer Meyer

BOOK Attention Twilight fans: Stephenie Meyer has a new book coming out.



Little, Brown Books for Young Readers will release *The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner* on June 5.

The novella is told from the viewpoint of Bree, a newborn vampire featured in *Eclipse*. That's one of the books in Meyer's best-selling teen-vampire saga.

Meyer says in a statement Tuesday the novella had originally been planned for *The Twilight Saga: The Official Guide*. But she says it became too long to fit into the guide.

The publisher says one dollar for each book sold in the U.S. from the first printing of 1.5 million copies will be donated to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. It supports disaster relief efforts such as those in Haiti and Chile.

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Jaden Smith, left, and Jackie Chan star in a new version of The Karate Kid.

Back to the future, again

These days, it seems any movie that came out during the 1980s is ripe for a remake. *Clash of the Titans* and *Red Dawn* are but two of a significant number of '80s-related films Hollywood will bring to theatres in coming months.

Joining their ranks are Disney's mega-budget *Tron* sequel starring Jeff Bridges;

reboots of *The Karate Kid*, *Predator* and *Nightmare on Elm Street* franchises; a follow-up to Oliver Stone's *Wall Street* and the Sylvester Stallone-directed *The Expendables*; an '80s-style, men-on-a-mission movie teaming Stallone with other action stars of his vintage.

"It's crazy, man," Bridges says. "You almost want to

look around and make sure people still have their cell phones and laptops. It's like going back in time."

Chalk it up to the fact that the people who grew up watching *Freddy Krueger* and *Mr. Miyagi* are now in a position to green-light the movies they loved as children.

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No Idol downtime

Latest castoff reflects on hectic schedule

The latest American Idol castoff says downtime doesn't exist when you're on the show.

"There are no days off," says 24-year-old Paige Miles.

After tonight's elimination show, there will be little time for sad goodbyes and reflection.

The contestants are required to have decided what song they'll sing for the following week by Thursday mornings. On Friday, they usually record the song for iTunes, and Saturdays are shoots with mentors, such as this week's guest, Usher.

On Sundays, they film music videos. Monday is filled with more recording and rehearsing.

The contestants also try to fit in shopping for that week's shows, as well as interviews with hometown media.

Miles says the jam-packed schedule can affect the contestant's song choice.

"We think about (that)



American Idol's latest castoff Paige Miles.

while selecting songs," she said. "What can you truly push out everyday in re-

"We think about (that) ... What can you truly push out everyday in rehearsal? What can you really commit to over the next several days?"

Paige Miles, American Idol castoff

hearsal? What can you really commit to over the next several days?"

Last week, she was sent home after singing a version of Against All Odds that Randy Jackson described as "terrible" and Kara DioGuardi said it was possibly the worst vocal of the season.

The 10 contestants now remaining on American Idol will take part in the annual summer tour after the season ends.

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UK's Lythgoe to receive award

HONOUR UK

uber-producer Nigel Lythgoe is being honoured with an award of excellence at the Banff World Television Festival and will deliver a keynote address.

The outspoken Brit is the driving force behind many of television's most-watched reality shows including American Idol, Survivor (UK) and Pop Idol (UK).

In front of the camera, he's best known as a judge on So You Think You Can Dance?, which he also executive produces and co-created.

As a choreographer, Lythgoe has worked with celebrities including Gene Kelly, Bing Crosby, Shirley Bassey and the Muppets.

Other TV stars set to speak at the four-day conference include comic Ricky Gervais, and the masterminds behind The Good Wife, Dexter, The Big Bang Theory and Breaking Bad.

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Wrong side of the in-flight bed

When a flight attendant on an American Airlines flight to Las Vegas tried to wake Jim Belushi, popeater.com reports, the actor started an argument and the captain had to call the police to meet them at the gate, according to TMZ. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celebrity Buzz

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ELIZABETH BANKS is looking to celebrate, **GOLDIE HAWN** is enjoying the view, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** is learning about different religions.

@ElizabethBanks RNC partied at Voyer? That's where we had my bday party. I wanna party with the RNC & fret about Armageddon!

@goldiehawn Full moon tonight. The mountains surrounding our house are glowing white, mystical, I am reminded of the magic of life. Look up and dream

@ConanOBrien Jewish fun fact: If you celebrate Passover on top of an overpass, you go back in time.

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Courting Courtney

HE'S A BRAVE BRAVE MAN AND OBVIOUSLY HAS A THING FOR WASHED-UP BLONDES Courtney Love is dating Uma Thurman's ex-fiancé, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hole singer — widow of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain — began romancing hotelier André Balazs earlier this year and is completely smitten with the handsome businessman and insists the feeling is mutual.

She wrote in an email to a friend: "I'm in lurve (sic). It's nice. Scary. I'm a great catch and he can be a bad

boy but he loves me.

"He is the sweetest thing and he actually totally does respect me. His manners are impeccable but he is funny too (sic)."

Love — who has repeatedly claimed to have been defrauded of her wealth by various people — has been staying in a suite at the Mercer

Hotel in New York, which her new beau owns, but now says she is spoilt by choices over places where she can stay.

"He has properties everywhere and has given me the key to his apartment, but what is better than living in his hotel?" she said.

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Not completely honest

HE LIED TO "BOMBSHELL" TOO. SHOCKER! Michelle "Bombshell" McGee, the woman who allegedly carried on an 11-month affair with Jesse James, thought he and wife Sandra Bullock had already split up, according to Michelle's father.

"She was under the impression they weren't seeing each other," Denny McGee tells Cleveland's WJW-TV. "She felt like she was going to have a relationship, and this happened, and she was mad," Denny says.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Not taking the kids

OH BUDDY, YOU REALLY MESSED THIS ONE UP Reports that Sandra Bullock was going to go ahead with plans to adopt Jesse James' children despite their marital troubles are apparently false.

"There are no plans, nor have there ever been any plans, for Sandra Bullock to adopt any of Jesse James' children," her rep tells People magazine. Meanwhile, a source insists Bullock is going ahead with the divorce proceedings because the last month has left her

feeling humiliated, sources tell Radar Online.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Puff, puff, pass the pumps

THAT'S HOW THE REFRAIN GOES, RIGHT? Lindsay Lohan has chosen an interesting way of addressing the cloud of suspicion she's been under since being

snapped with white powder pumping out of her high-heels: Attack George Lopez, popeater.com reports.

The Mean Girls star took to her Twitter (what else?) to take on the co-median over a

supposed joke he made on the Monday episode of his late-night talk show, George Lopez Tonight.

According to reports, Lopez joked Lohan uses baby powder to loosen up her snug shoes.

This seemingly harmless riff set off Lohan, who wrote: "Thanks for the childish comment regarding baby powder in my shoes to

loosen up the leather ... don't you have kids?"

She then added, "Act like a grown man, have some respect and dignity for yourself."

Lopez did not make the jab during his monologue, nor in any clips made available by TBS for Monday.

Lohan was leaving a friend's house in Los Angeles on Saturday when a generous amount of white powder started shooting out of her shoes.

In some angles, it appeared there was smoke puffing out of her feet.

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Carrie would know

JEEZ, SARAH, WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE THE FICTIONAL CHARACTER YOU PLAY? Sarah Jessica Parker is no good at giving relationship advice, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Sex and the City star — who has three children with her husband of 12 years, Matthew Broderick — isn't an expert when it comes to romance, but thinks it's important for someone to have complete faith in their partner.

"Oh, I am not a good ad-

vice giver but I would say the obvious — lack of communication is where things go wrong for people," she said.

"I'm certainly no expert in relationships, God knows, but you need to be with someone who believes in you 100 per cent. If you don't have that, there's no point."

The 45-

year-old actress wants to be happily married for the rest of her life, and has admitted she wants to continue kissing her co-stars and husband until she is 70 or 80 years old.

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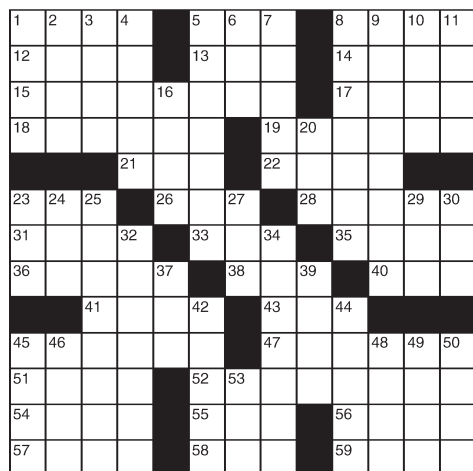


Thursday
Morning clouds
8°C / -3°C



Friday
High clouds
8°C / -5°C

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5 "Flying Down to —"
8 Gospels' follower
12 Director Reitman
13 Work unit
14 Exceptional
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23 Killer whale
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28 Childhood disease
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33 Meadow
35 Angry
36 Throat affliction
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40 Tend the lawn
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43 Society newbie
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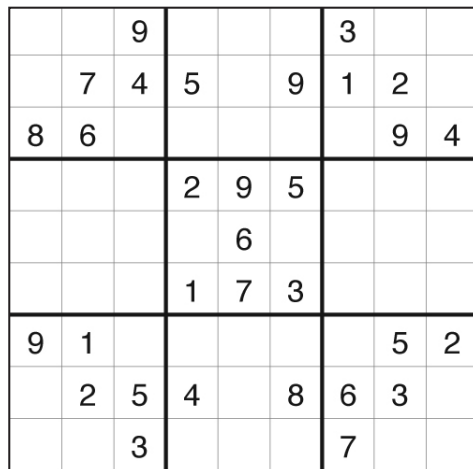
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1 Cinderella's horses, before
2 Actress — Rachel Wood
3 The Red Planet
4 Ultimately become
5 Urban modernization
6 401(k) alternative
7 Looked lecherously
8 Creeper with pink flowers
9 Spice in Indian cuisine
10 Verifiable
11 Collections
16 Enrages
20 Highland hat
23 Chances, for short
24 On a pension (Abbr.)
25 Cuban port city
27 Afternoon social
29 Expert
30 Stitch
32 Guardians
34 Half a pair at the fireplace
37 Energy
39 Take care of
42 Luring device
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7	6	2	3	9	5	1	8	4
8	1	9	4	7	6	2	5	3
5	4	3	1	8	2	6	9	7
1	3	7	6	4	9	8	2	5
6	8	5	7	2	1	4	3	9
2	9	4	8	5	3	7	6	1

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Indian Spicy Potatoes with Spinach and Lentils

INGREDIENTS:

750 g potatoes, peeled and cubed
250 g spinach
3 1/2 tbsp peanut oil
1 onion, finely sliced
2-in. piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
1 green chili pepper, halved, seeded and finely sliced
1 tsp ground coriander
1/4 tsp ground turmeric
2 x 250-g packages cooked green lentils
2 garlic cloves, cut into fine shreds
1/2 tsp cumin seeds
2 tbsp chopped cilantro

METHOD:

1. Cook potatoes until just tender. Drain.

2. Meanwhile, cook spinach in steamer over potatoes 3-4 minutes, or pierce bag of spinach several times and cook in microwave 2-3 minutes to wilt. Tip into colander and

drain, squeezing out liquid with spoon.

3. Heat large pan with 3 tsp oil. Add onion and cook over medium heat 2 minutes, then stir in ginger, chili pepper, coriander and turmeric. Cook a few seconds, then add potato cubes and stir-fry 3-4 minutes. Stir spinach into spicy potato mixture together with lentils. Season to taste. Heat gently until piping hot.

4. Heat remaining oil in small pan. Add garlic and cumin; cook until lightly browned. Stir in half of cilantro. Tip potato and lentil mixture into serving dish and sprinkle with garlic and cumin mixture and remaining cilantro.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You need to bring balance and stability to your financial situation. Give it some thought.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



If a situation calls for tact today you will use it and get whatever it is that you desire.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Practice what you preach today or leave yourself open to criticism. Resist the urge to cut corners and don't try to get something for nothing.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Relationships of all kinds are about to enter a gentler, more tranquil phase. But don't let others think you've turned into an easy touch.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart suggests there is something you would rather find out about you.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Make sure that what you have to do gets done properly. Don't cut corners or your reputation will suffer in the long-term.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



You can quite easily persuade other people to see things your way but make sure your way is the right way if you want to stay popular.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Why make life more complicated than it needs to be? What is meant to happen will happen at the right time.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



How important is ambition to you? Today's transit of Venus over the midheaven angle of your chart urges you to remember that it isn't everything.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Make an effort to please other people today. Not everyone may deserve it but it will do your reputation a great deal of good.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



The less you reveal about your comings and goings today the more others will be intrigued.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

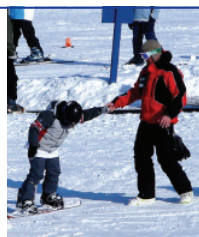


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